Tenancy amendment.

118. Mr. C. J. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether they have drafted the Jenmi-Kudiyan Bill and if so how long will it take for its publication in the Cochin Government Gazette;

2. whether the Government consulted any non-official Members of the Council in the drafting of the Bill and if so whom all and for what purpose; whether they took any written statements from these Members and if so, copies of their statements may be placed on the table?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—1. Government have not drafted any such bill. A bill to amend the Tenancy Regulation however has been drafted and it is under scrutiny.

2. No non-official Member was consulted in drafting the bill. The Government Advocate communicated the draft to Messrs. C. A. Kunjunni Raja and Thomas Manjuran. No statements were taken.

Rural Dispensary at Trikkur.

119. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received petitions from the people of Trikkur and the adjoining places for the opening of a rural dispensary in their village; if so, whether the matter was inquired into by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and what was the report submitted by him; will a copy of his report be placed on the table;

(b) (i) has the Government received any petition from one Mr. C. Padmanabha Menon, L. M. P., for a job in the Medical Department in 1923; (ii) how many petitions has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer received from the person till now; has he received a petition dated 11th Medam 1105 and another on 18th Mithunam 1105; (iii) were replies sent to these petitions;

(c) does the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer know that a private dispensary is run by Mr. Padmanabha Menon for the last six years and that he is not in a position to meet the demands of the public?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes; the matter was enquired into by the Chief Medical Officer; copy of his report is appended (*Vide Appendix I*).

(b) (i) Yes.

(ii) It is difficult to ascertain the exact number. The one dated 11th Medam 1105 has been received by the Chief Medical Officer and the other by the Diwan.

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